

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): SHIMOKAWA, et al.

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For: PB-FREE SOLDER-CONNECTED STRUCTURE AND  
ELECTRONIC DEVICE



**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 CFR 1.97 AND 1.98**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

October 9, 2001

Sir:

Pursuant to Applicants' duty of disclosure, enclosed please find a List, on a form substantially equivalent to Form PTO-1449, of documents previously cited in connection with prior application Serial No. 09/581,631, filed June 15, 2000, and of documents enclosed herewith. Note that since prior application Serial No. 09/581,631 is being relied upon in the above-identified application under 35 USC 120, copies of the listed documents, that were previously cited in application Serial No. 09/581,631, are not enclosed herewith. See 37 CFR 1.98(d).

That is, copies of Japanese Published Application No. 9-266373 and No. 10-93004 are enclosed herewith, these documents not having been previously cited in connection with prior application Serial No. 09/581,631. However, the

remaining listed documents were previously cited in connection with No. 09/581,631, and are not enclosed herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted concurrently with the filing of the above-identified application. Accordingly, requirements of 37 CFR 1.97(b) are clearly satisfied.

Note that each of the listed documents, previously cited in connection with prior application Serial No. 09/581,631, was considered by the Examiner in connection with No. 09/581,631. The enclosed documents are not in English; in order to satisfy requirements of 37 CFR 1.98(a)(3), English abstracts of each of the enclosed and listed documents are also enclosed.

In view of all of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all applicable requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98 have been satisfied, with respect to each of the documents on the enclosed List. Accordingly, consideration of the listed documents, upon examination of the above-identified application, is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, to the Deposit

Account No. 01-2135 (Case No. 500.38665CX1) and please credit any excess fees to such Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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